

REMARKS

Claims 4-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3 are canceled, claims 4-9 are amended for clarity and consistency, and claim 11 is added to replace claim 1 and to even more clearly distinguish over the applied reference. New claim 11 is supported in the specification by at least paragraphs [0011], [0045], and [0051]-[0054], and Figs. 1 and 3.

Applicant appreciates the withdrawal of the December 6, 2005 Restriction Requirement. Applicant also appreciates the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in dependent claims 5-9. Claims 5-9 are objected to because they depend on a rejected base claim. New independent claim 11 is allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Kubo (U.S. Patent No. 6,924,876); and claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kubo. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

With regard to new claim 11, Kubo fails to disclose a liquid crystal display device having a second second-substrate side electrode that is separate and independent from a first second-substrate side electrode, and having (1) first and second transmissive display regions adjacent to each other or (2) first and second reflective display regions adjacent to each other. Fig. 37 of Kubo does not disclose separate and independent electrodes, or transmissive or reflective display regions adjacent to each other, at opening 12a. Kubo at col. 49, lines 43-44, makes clear that Fig. 37A is an illustration of only one picture element region, and there is no disclosure or suggestion that opening 12a is located between two separate and independent electrodes, or located between adjacent transmissive or reflective display regions. As shown in Fig. 37B, opening 12a is located in the middle of a single dot region, and lower conductive layer 12 (and upper conductive layer 14) is a single electrode in a single dot region

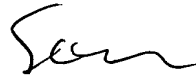
surrounding opening 12a, and thus cannot be interpreted to be a facing edge of two adjacent dot regions (with a separate electrode for each dot region).

For the foregoing regions, Kubo fails to disclose all of the features recited in independent claim 11. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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